"Oh Crap!" Major Incidents in the Triad Region

2006 IM/ITS conference August 22, 2006

I-40 WB/I-85 SB at Exit 140 (University Drive)

- Tuesday 9/20/05 at 6:47 AM
- Tractor-trailer & <u>hazardous</u> material
- All (4) lanes closed for almost 6 hours
- Problem with detour

I-40WB/I-85 SB at Exit 150

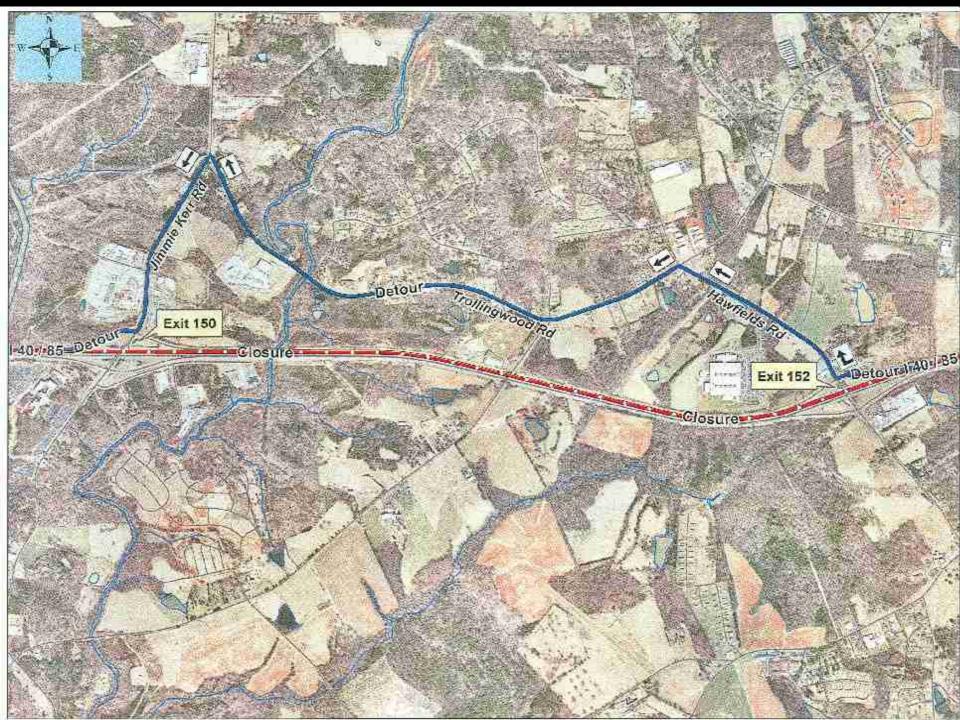
- Friday 10/7/05 @ 2:47 PM
- 2 separate accidents: 34 & 20 vehicles
- Factors: minor 10-50 & heavy rain
- All lanes closed for 3 1/2 hours
- Normal flow by 7:30 PM

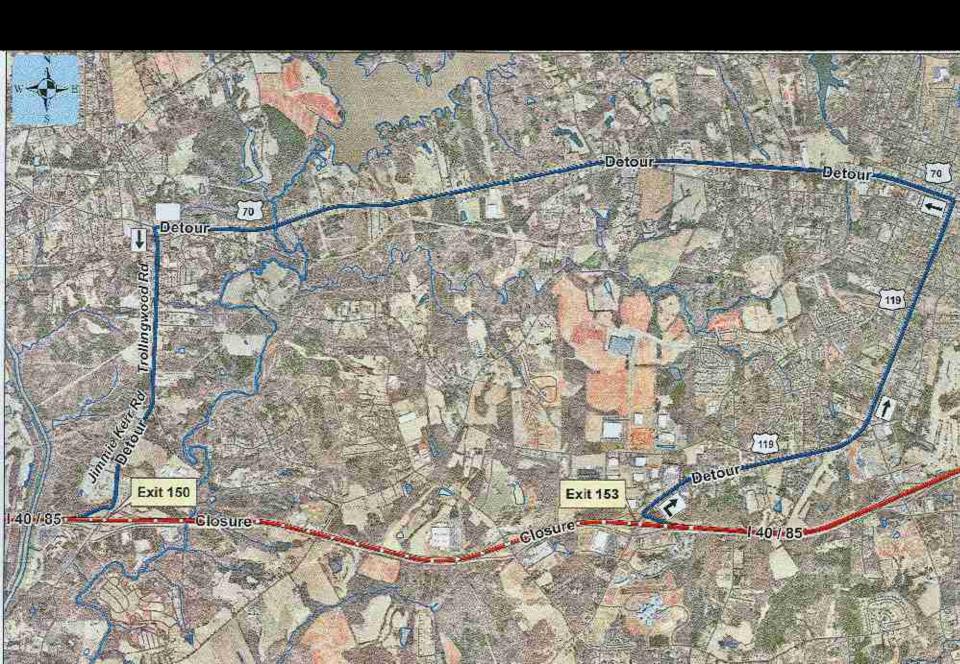
Wreck 185/40

• Date: Oct. 07, 2005

- 40 50 vehicles involved
- Wreck in South Bound Lane























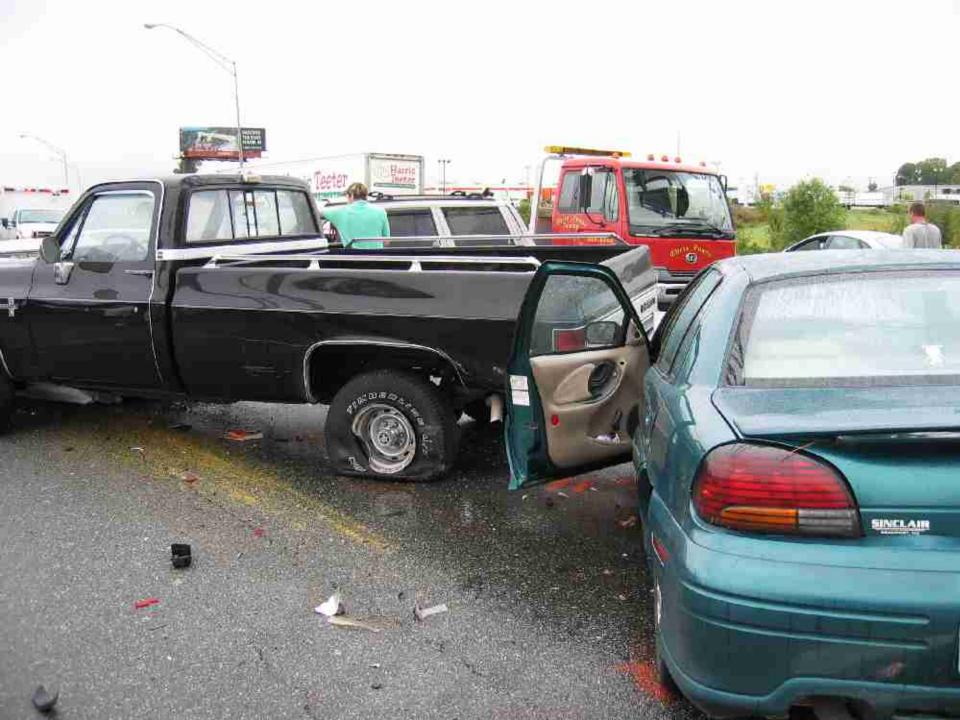
























I-40 EB/I-85 NB at Weigh Station

- Wednesday 5/31/06 @ 7:19 AM
- 47 accidents with 90 vehicles over 2 miles
- Heavy rain & steam from roadway
- All lanes closed for 2 hours when 2 opened
- IMAP truck damaged by "rubber-necking"
- All lanes opened by 10:30 AM





Lessons Learned

- Inter-Agency teams
- Quick Clearance
- SHP's planned response plan
- IMAP in Alamance & Orange County
- School bus to transport stranded motorists

Areas to Improve

- Detour routes
- Transporting injured on roadways with barrier wall
- Communication issues

Questions/Comments